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Early week prices were unchanged to higher throughout the country. During the week prices were sharply higher in Chicago and Eastern Region and unchanged elsewhere. The trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Retail and distributive movement moderate to mostly good with retail feature activity providing the best interest. Supplies were adequate to instances tight with the larger sizes in the shortest position. Nest run breaking stock prices were higher during the period. Supplies were about adequate and held with confidence. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Light type hens were sufficient for trade needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	101-106	87-94	69-73
New York	72-74	69-72	56-59
Philadelphia	57.5-72	55.5-70	46.5-56
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	54-55	52.5-54	43-44
Jackson (1)	64-65	61-62	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	63-76	60-74	50-64
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	59-64	58-63	46-51
Detroit (2)	51-54	50-53	39-42
Major Ohio Cities (2)	51.5-57	50-55	40-43
Major Wisconsin Cities	55-62	53-60	43-50
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	71-73	68-69	57-58
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	88	80	71
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Oct-99 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	59.17	56.80	47.25
SOUTHERN	49.73	47.82	40.45
MIDWEST	45.83	44.58	36.34
WESTERN	67.70	62.28	52.83
TWELVE METRO AREAS	58.27	55.08	46.06

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	10-26-99	10-19-99	10-27-98
Large	34-36	23-25	52-54
Medium	25-27	17-19	40-42

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Oct 25,1999 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.4	9.1	6.1	12.0	9.5 46.1
	Change	1.3	-3.7	0.8	0.1	1.0 -1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.2	19.2	8.9	18.9	15.5 89.7
	Change	-0.4	-3.3	-0.2	-5.1	-0.8 -10%
Large	Curr Wk	37.9	56.1	45.1	63.3	68.4 270.8
	Change	2.4	-8.0	-8.1	-0.3	-0.1 -5%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.1	27.2	12.7	16.8	14.4 87.2
	Change	6.6	0.6	0.2	-0.3	-7.0 0%
Small	Curr Wk	4.2	4.7	1.8	5.4	3.7 19.8
	Change	0.6	0.6	-0.5	1.5	-2.2 0%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.5	22.9	8.9	13.0	4.8 56.1
	Change	0.4	1.9	-0.4	3.5	-1.0 9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	36.6	67.9	15.3	21.7	46.5 188.0
	Change	0.7	-8.1	-4.2	-1.0	5.3 -4%
Total	Curr Wk	137.9	207.1	98.8	151.1	162.8 757.7
	Change	9%	-9%	-11%	-1%	-3% -3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	757.7	-3%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	448.9	-11%	38

Total Shell Egg 1206.6 -6% 204
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 23-OCT-99

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,222,202	27,415	12,378	6,684	2,630	3,842
PW	1,245,446*	28,921*	11,437	6,558	2,803	3,858*
LY	1,060,886	25,549	9,553	5,052	2,118	3,535
% PW	-2	-5	8	2	-6	0
% LY	15	7	30	32	24	9
1999	46,889,847*	1,087,237*	448,326	244,628	108,732	48,220*
1998	44,439,645	1,013,612	440,006	234,062	107,416	43,092

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
	41.17	40.77	41.18

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 23-OCT-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	241.7	-2	1
E.N. CENTRAL	484.0	2	15
W.N. CENTRAL	195.2	-1	10
S. ATLANTIC	202.0	0	-11
S. CENTRAL	72.9	-1	-10
WEST	217.2	1	2
TOTAL	1,413.0	0	4
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		91	91

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	OCT 16	OCT 23 Thousand	OCT 16	OCT 23
AL	24,695	25,032	18,924	19,654
AR	26,594	27,775	23,150	23,272
DE	*3,841	4,173	*4,783	5,110
FL	2,021	2,705	*2,212	2,408
GA	*28,323	27,535	*21,938	24,756
MD	*8,046	8,199	*5,098	5,128
MS	17,068	16,046	13,366	14,288
NC	16,448	16,345	13,687	12,881
PA	*3,012	3,234	*2,635	2,640
SC	4,656	4,765	3,286	4,069
TX	13,149	12,328	8,968	10,662
VA	5,778	6,028	*4,882	4,261
CA, TN, & WV	*10,058	9,641	*9,145	9,600
15 State Total	*163,689	163,806	*132,074	138,729
Previous Year	167,294	164,280	131,336	137,998
Pct. of Prev.	98	100	101	101

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 4-Dec-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 143.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 140.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 142.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 154.0 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 62.69 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 10/21/99-10/27/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	42.70	49.14	43.00	44.86	50.70	—	76.25
GNR W 2	—	—	—	48.00	—	—	7.00
GNR W 3	43.00	44.00	31.25	33.25	35.50	38.00	8.75
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	36.00	38.50	2.00
GL W XL	52.56	50.00	—	54.79	50.30	51.75	16.00
GL W LG	48.50	50.00	48.00	52.00	49.67	—	8.75
GL W MD	—	43.00	38.19	39.43	45.12	43.00	24.00
GL W SM	—	—	19.00	21.25	20.00	23.25	5.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	43.00	45.00	9.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	41.00	39.83	7.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 23-OCT-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG	LY
ATLANTA	30.5	33.6	-9	10
BOSTON	4.6	4.9	-6	-60
CHICAGO	50.3	58.6	-14	13
DETROIT	25.0	25.3	-1	-3
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	99.9	91.4	9	24
NEW ORLEANS	10.0	10.2	-2	-33
NEW YORK	36.9	40.8	-10	-21
ST. LOUIS	15.2	17.1	-11	3
SAN FRANCISCO	18.8	19.6	-4	1
TOTAL	291.3	301.6	-3	2
4 WK MVG AVG	292.8			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 16-OCT-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	4,756	77	4,833
AVGWT	0.00	25.81	26.12	25.81
LAST WEEK	0	3,967	26	3,993
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	5,142	84	5,226
AVGWT	0.00	24.39(A)	24.67	24.40
TO-DATE/1999	55	197,355(A)	1,519	198,929
TO-DATE/1998	72	206,778(A)	1,583	208,433

(A) Includes 626,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 996,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 16-OCT-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND		AVG
HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---			WT
NEAST	888	174	23.32	(A)	(A)	906 23.38
SATL	724	4	27.60	(A)	(A)	747 27.48
N CENT	2,162	1	27.74	(A)	(A)	2,180 27.73
S CENT	478	-28	19.10	NONE	NONE	478 19.10
WEST	504	268	25.74	(A)	(A)	522 25.80
U.S.TOTAL	4,756 (B)	-1	25.81	0	77	4,833 25.81
TO DATE						
1999	197,355 (B)		55	1,519		198,929
TO DATE						
1998	206,778 (B)		72	1,583		208,433

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 17,000 for the year 626,000; last year to date 996,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 23-Oct-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	154,030(A)	1,952	1,612	3,564	395
AVGWT	5.06	3.50	7.89	5.49	6.41
LAST WEEK	153,293	1,683	1,620	3,303	450
YRAGO	146,439	1,848	1,265	3,113	553
AVGWT	5.03	3.43	8.20	5.37	6.40
TO-DATE/1999	6,376,895	87,528	59,402	146,930	18,550
TO-DATE/1998	6,134,706	85,938	53,135	139,073	18,924

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 148.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.9 million head or 7.6 million head more than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Oct 30

	CURRENT WEEK 10/30/99(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/23/99
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	154,210(2)	156,045
LT HENS	2,008	1,948
HVY HENS	1,635	1,670
TOTAL	157,853	159,663

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Oct-99 is 148.5 million head compared to 148.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.1 million head or 7.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 06-Nov-99 the estimated available is 148.3 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
SEPTEMBER 18	154.2	151.7	102	4.87
25	157.8	153.2	103	5.04
OCTOBER 2	155.8	151.8	103	4.94
9	154.9	149.7	103	5.06
16	155.2	148.5	105	5.08
23	155.9	148.3	105	5.06
YEAR TO DATE	6455.9	6390.0	101	
OCTOBER 30		148.5		
NOVEMBER 6		148.3		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
25-Oct-99	18-Oct-99	18-Oct-99	26-Oct-98
57.35	1.99	55.36	66.05
NUMBER OF LOADS	679		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 10/25-10/30/99.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	47.00-50.00	49.78	54	52.17	86
Los Angeles	64.00	62.54	69	62.19	136
New York	49.00-51.00	49.70	30	57.53	79

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION 3/	77-83	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-79	79	79.00	40
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-80	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	70-76	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-76	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70-76	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 25-Oct-99	3,453	168,228	90,031
AM 1-Oct-99	4,146	183,153	95,290
CHG	-693	-14925	-5259
PCT CHG	-17	-8	-6

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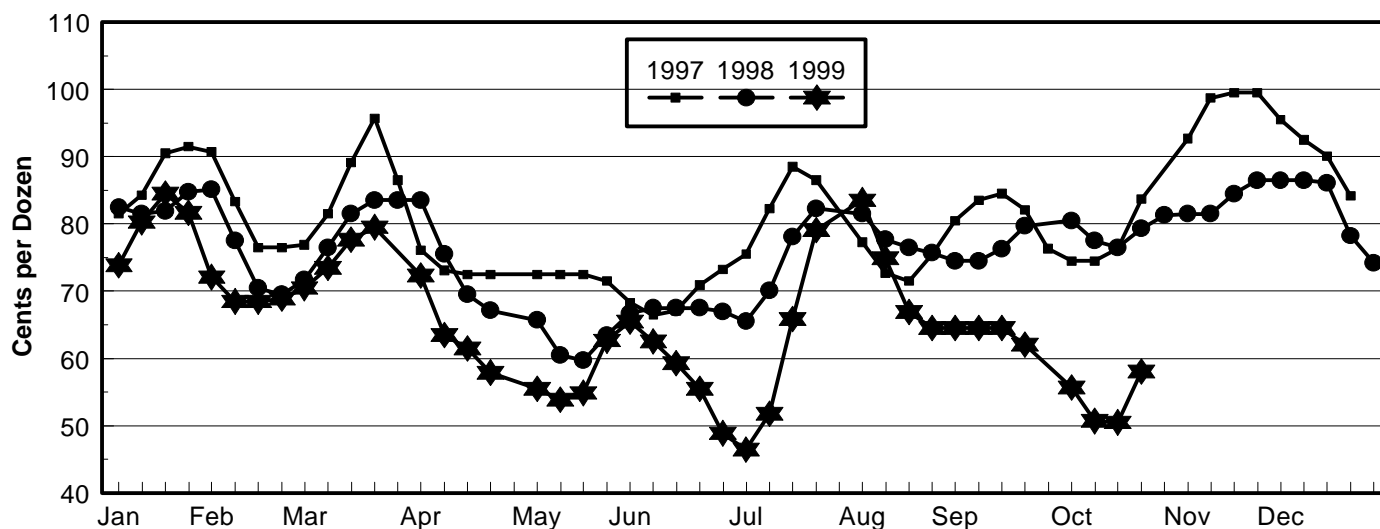
Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY TYPE			
10/25/99	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	8-16.5(1)	8-12.5	10.66
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	9-19.5(1)	11-13	12.54
10/22/99	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0-0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-.5(2)		
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading			
(2) At Farm Producer Loading			

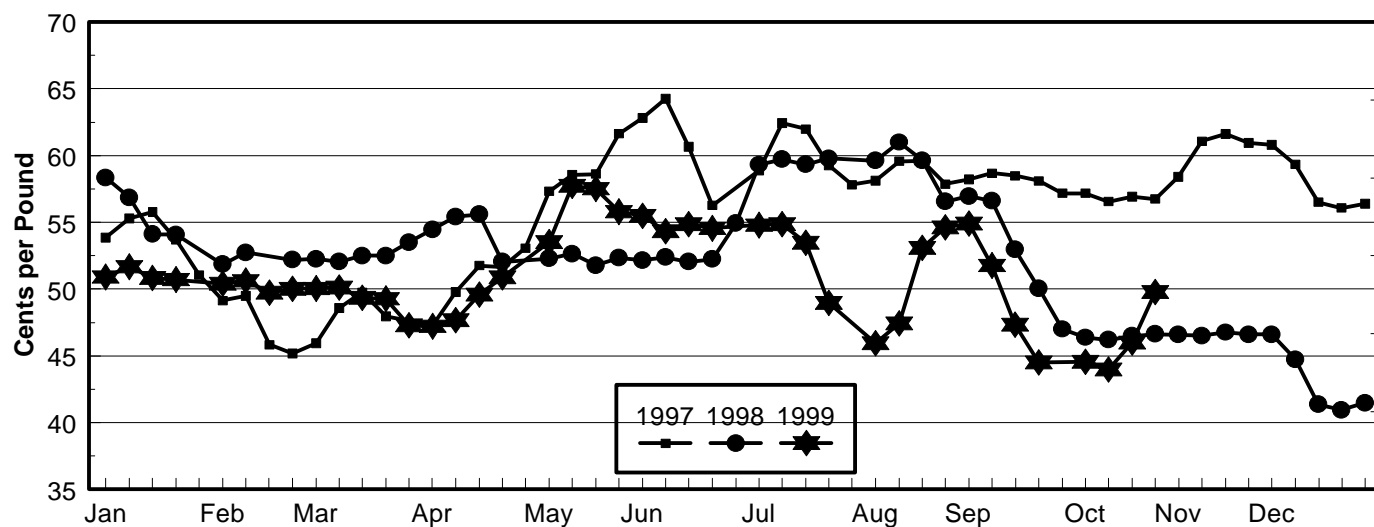
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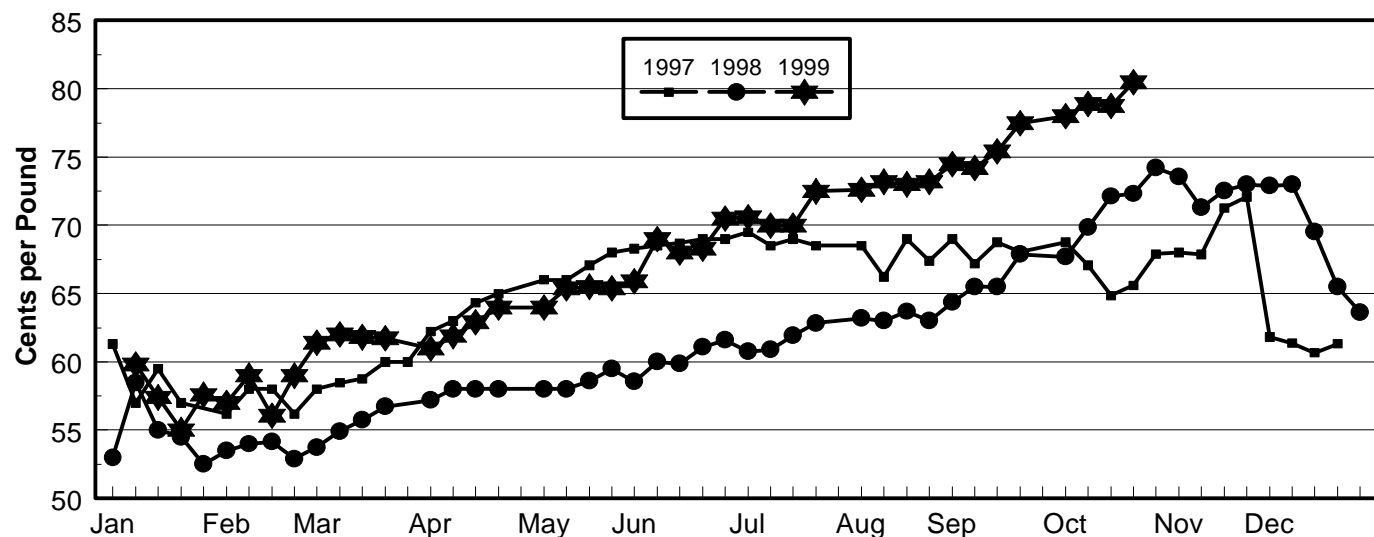
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1997, 1998, 1999



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1997, 1998, 1999



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.